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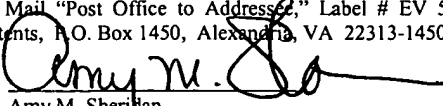
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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,525,783 B1 to Huh et al., issued June 26, 2001;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,689,407 to Marinus et al., issued on November 18, 1997; and,
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,179,508 to Lange et al., issued on January 12, 1993.

Foreign Patent Documents

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-2001-333579, Applicant: Nichicon Corp., published on November 30, 2001 (with English language abstract);
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-2001-327165, Applicant: Fuji Electric Co. Ltd., published on November 22, 2001 (with English language abstract);
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-2000-270546, Applicant: Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd., published on September 29, 2000 (with English language abstract); and,
4. European Patent Application No. EP 0993105 A1 to Applicant: STMicroelectronics S.r.l., published on April 12, 2000.

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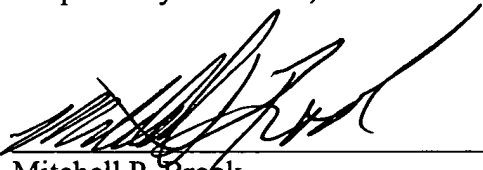
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